

IC 14-15-4

Chapter 4. Watercraft Accidents

IC 14-15-4-1

Duties of operators

Sec. 1. The operator of a boat involved in an accident or a collision resulting in injury to or death of a person or damage to a boat or other property shall do the following:

- (1) Stop the boat immediately and as close as possible to the scene of the accident.
- (2) Return to the scene of the accident and remain there until the operator has complied with this section.
- (3) Give:
 - (A) the operator's name and address;
 - (B) a full identification of the boat operated; and
 - (C) the name and address of the owner;to the operator of each other boat and each person injured.
- (4) Upon request, exhibit the operator's license to the operator of each other boat and each person injured.
- (5) Provide reasonable assistance to each person injured, including carrying or arranging for carrying each injured person to a physician, surgeon, or hospital for medical or surgical treatment if:
 - (A) it is apparent that treatment is necessary; or
 - (B) the injured person so requests.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.8.

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Notice; reports

Sec. 2. (a) The operator of a boat involved in an accident or a collision resulting in:

- (1) injury to or death of a person; or
- (2) damage to a boat or other property to an apparent extent of at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750);

shall provide the information required under subsection (b).

(b) An operator of a boat subject to subsection (a) shall do the following:

- (1) Give notice of the accident to:
 - (A) the office of the sheriff of the county;
 - (B) the nearest state police post; or
 - (C) the nearest conservation office;immediately and by the quickest means of communication.
- (2) Mail to the department a written report of the accident or collision within twenty-four (24) hours of the accident or collision.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.210-2001, SEC.3.

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Duties of other occupants

Sec. 3. (a) If the operator of a boat is physically incapable of

performing a duty imposed by sections 1 and 2 of this chapter, each other occupant of the boat shall perform the duty or see that the duty is performed.

(b) If a person to whom the operator of a boat is required to furnish information under section 1 of this chapter is physically incapable of receiving the information, the operator shall furnish the information to another occupant of the same boat.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.8.

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Violations

Sec. 4. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor. However, the offense is:

- (1) a Class A misdemeanor if the accident or collision results in an injury to a person;
- (2) a Class D felony if:
 - (A) the accident or collision results in serious bodily injury to a person; or
 - (B) within the five (5) years preceding the commission of the offense, the person had a previous conviction of any of the offenses listed in IC 9-30-10-4(a) or IC 14-15-8-8; or
- (3) a Class C felony if the accident or collision results in the death of a person.

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